State Agricultural Universities

Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture Technology	Kanpur
Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology	Faizabad
Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology	Modipuram, Meerut
Institute of Agriculture Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi

Improving Quality of Groundnuts

3164.SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India produces the maximum amount of groundnuts in the world;

(b) if so, whether, inspite of this, India's exports of groundnuts are negligible; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the quality of groundnuts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) India is the second largest groundnut producing country in the World, but the export of groundnut is negligible.

(c) Efforts have been made to ameliorate aflatoxin contamination so that it does not become hindrance in export trade. Integrated aflatoxin contamination management packages have been developed and are evaluated under farmers conditions for their worthiness and adaptability.

Beside, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance for the promotion of Groundnuts under the following activities :

* Conducting feasibility studies, surveys etc.

* Infrastructure Development.

* Promotion of Quality Control.

* Organization Building & HRD.

* Participation in important Trade Fairs to promote the products.

* Publicity and information dissemination.

* Organization of Buyer Seller Meet to promote export.

Infrastructure for Agriculture Research and Education in Gujarat

3165.PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what infrastructure has been provided to Gujarat for agriculture research and education;

(b) whether this infrastructure in that State is inadequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment the existing infrastructure to raise it up to the desired level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) A list of the ICAR Institution, State Agricultural University, Regional Research Centres and Coordinated Programme in the State of Gujarat are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

List of Research Institutes and Centres, State Agricultural Universities and All India Coordinated Research Projects undergoing in Gujarat

1. Research Institutes and Centres :

(i) National Research Centre on Groundnut, Junagarh

(ii) National Research Centre for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Anand

(iii) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Regional Centre, Veraval

(iv) Central Institute of Fisheries Technology—Research Centre, Veraval

(v) Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute—Research Centre, Vadodara